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Town of Marion **Public Access to the Water**

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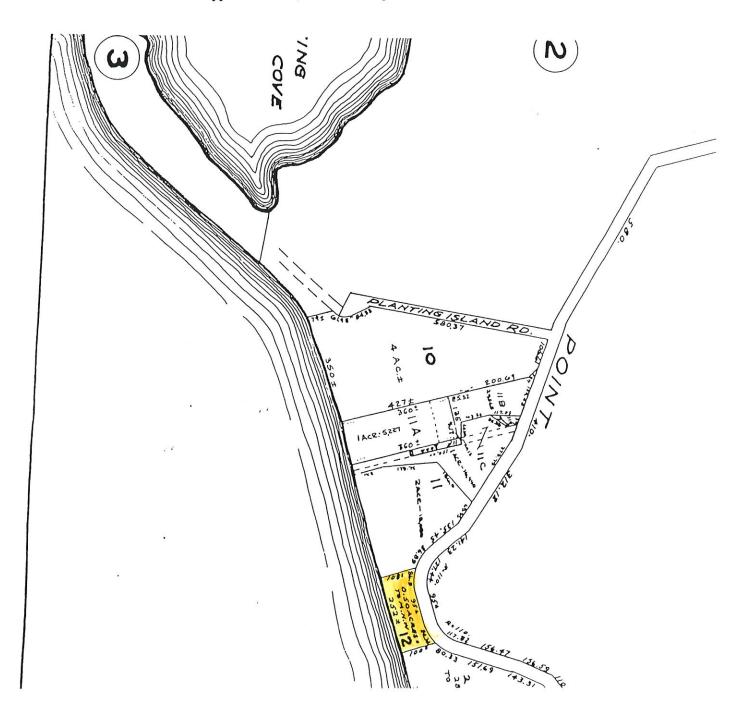
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"The Bluffs"

(Assessor's Map #1, Block #12)

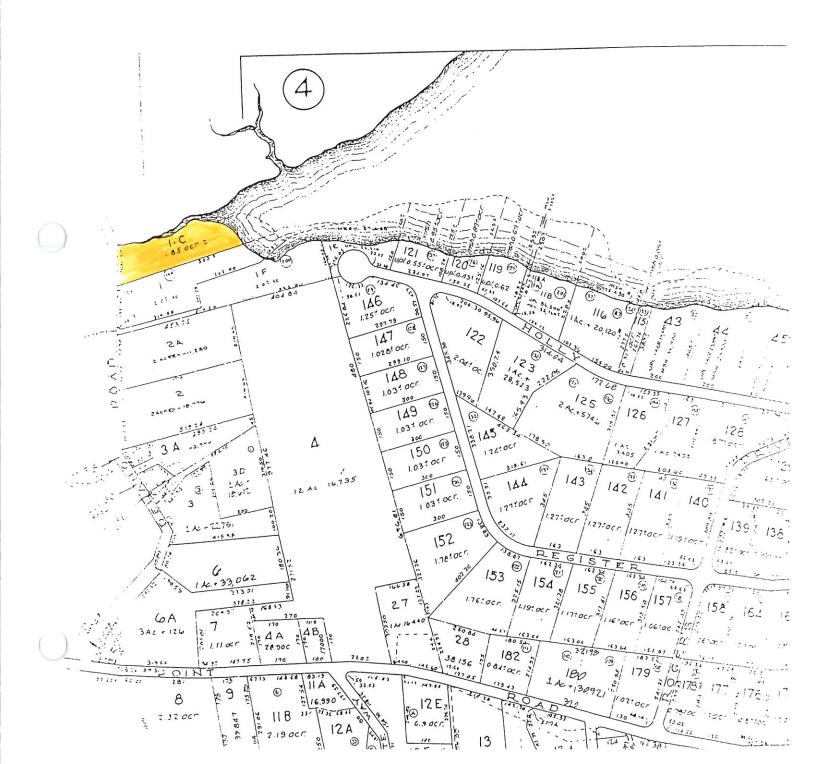
This parcel is a small strip of waterfront land that runs parallel to Point Road, with a total area of 39,000 square feet and containing 255 feet of waterfront. The land is level with Point Road to a distance of approximately ten (10) feet and then drops steeply to a very exposed, rocky beach. The land was given to the town by the Kittansett Club and was accepted at the annual town meeting on 6 March 1961, see article 30. The parcel is listed on the Marion Town assessors Maps as Lot #12 on Plan #1. A description of the land can be found in the Plymouth County Registry of Deeds, Book No. 2896, pg. 7The deed contained a restriction that the land be used for prevention of soil erosion for one hundred (100) years.

Little or no space is available for parking. Private dwellings exist at both ends of the property on Point Road. The area on the opposite side of Point Road is part of the Kittansett Golf Course.



Wings Cove (Assessor's Map #2, Block 1C)

The Town of Marion was given 1.85 acres on wings cove by the Piney Point association for the construction of a boat ramp and parking area to be used only by Town of Marion residents. The town has constructed an access road, parking area for approximately twenty (20) cars, and a small 15' x 60' boat ramp. The property has been fenced off along Delano Road. Room exists within the property to expand the parking space in the future if warranted by local need.



Planting Island Cove

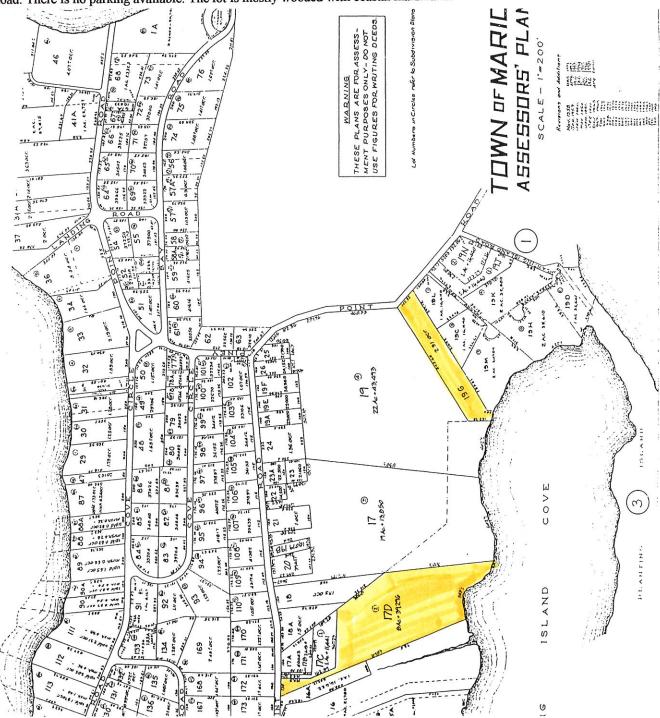
(Assessor's Map #2, Blocks 19G and 17D)

Planting Island Access Path (Block 19G)

This town-owned right-of-way is approximately 125 feet wide and encompasses 2.91 acres. The land extends from Point Road to the east side of Planting Island Cove. Since Point Road is not perpendicular to the property lines, the frontage on Point Road is slightly more the 142 feet. As the land approaches the water, it makes a jog of approximately 45° ant the actual frontage on the cove is only 60 feet. Brush has been cleared by a portion of the road, but the surface is rough making passage difficult. The marsh extends approximately 110 feet from the shore to the water at low tide. Rocks and shallow depths make navigation in the area difficult.

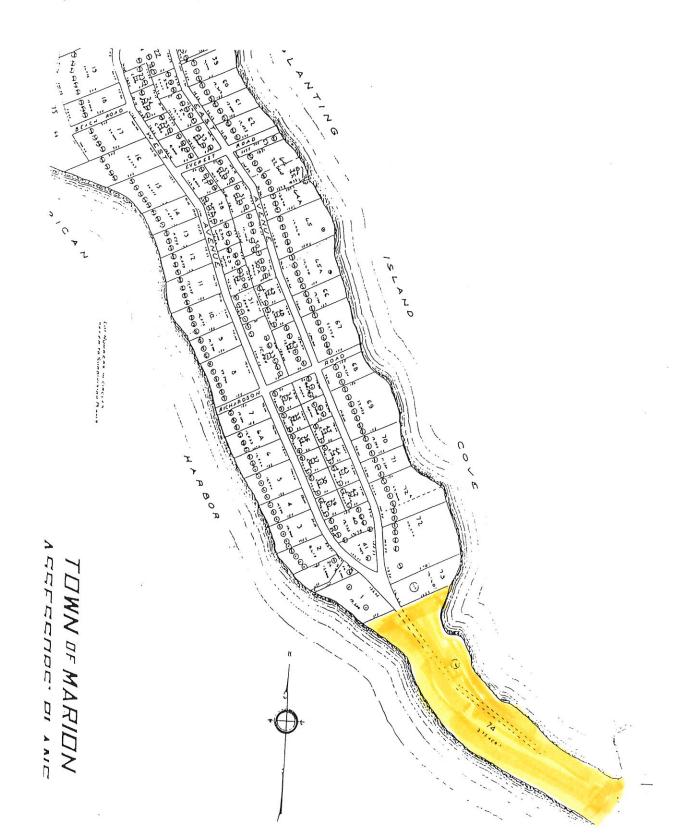
(Block 17D)

This lot, totaling approximately 8 acres, has \pm 503 feet of waterfront, and \pm 150 feet of frontage on Point Road. There is no parking available. The lot is mostly wooded with coastal marshland.



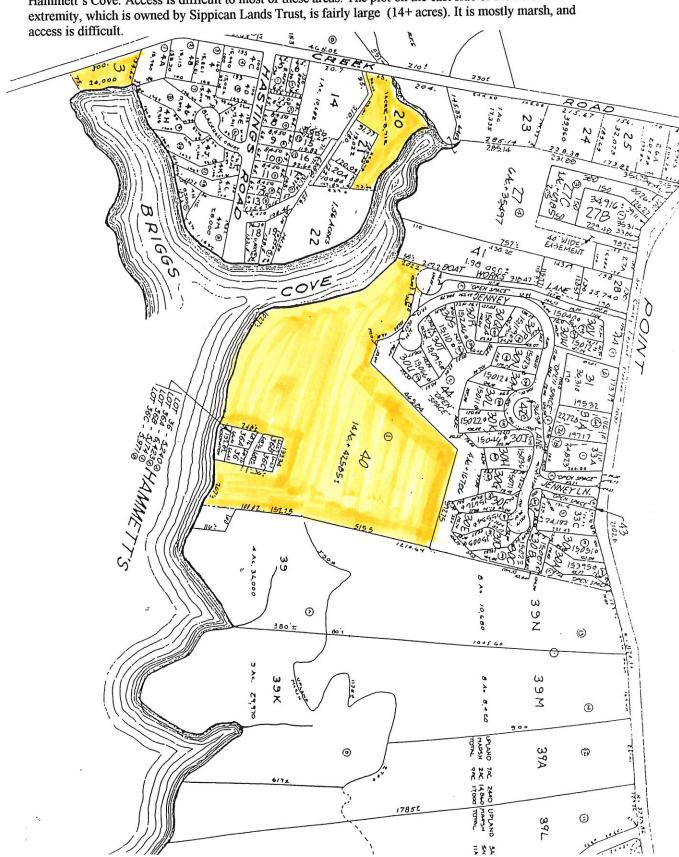
Planting Island Causeway (Assessors Map #3, Block #74)

Planting Island Causeway is a town-owned parcel that offers water access with parking for Marion residents. The northeast side contains a recreational-only shellfish area (town permit required), and the southwest shoreline is used as a bathing beach. Both sides are suitable for launching small craft such as kayaks or canoes.



WARNING

The Town of Marion and Sippican Lands Trust own several parcels of land around the north end of Hammett's Cove. Access is difficult to most of these areas. The plot on the east side of the northern extremity, which is owned by Sippican Lands Trust, is fairly large (14+ acres). It is mostly marsh, and



Brainard Marsh Wildlife Refuge (Assesor's Map #5, Blocks # 1 & 1A)

These two lots are owned by the Sippican Lands Trust. The lots are wooded and total approximately five (5) acres, with ±521 feet of waterfront. There is a bicycle rack and walking trails to the water, but vehicle parking is difficult or non-existent. The are offers good opportunities for fishing and shell-fishing.



Dexter Road

(Assessors Map #5A, Block #144 and 2A0)

Block #144

This is a small parcel of land owned by the Sippican Lands Trust. The area is mostly wooded and transitions to saltmarsh. There is no parking and access is difficult.

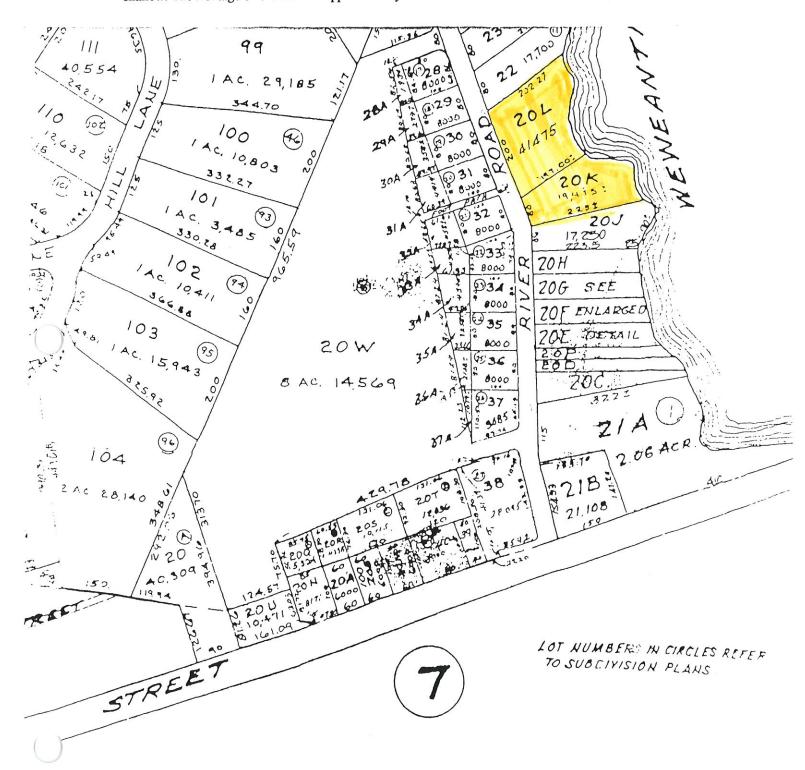
Block #2A

This parcel is a small island off of Dexter beach, accessible only by boat.



Weweantic Beach, River Road (Assessor's Map #9, Block 20K & 20 L)

This is an existing town beach with parking for five (5) cars. It was given to the town in 1953, see annual report, pg. 156. This beach is considered good for swimming, except at low tide when the water is too shallow. The frontage on the water is approximately 220 feet and the total area is 41,475 square feet.



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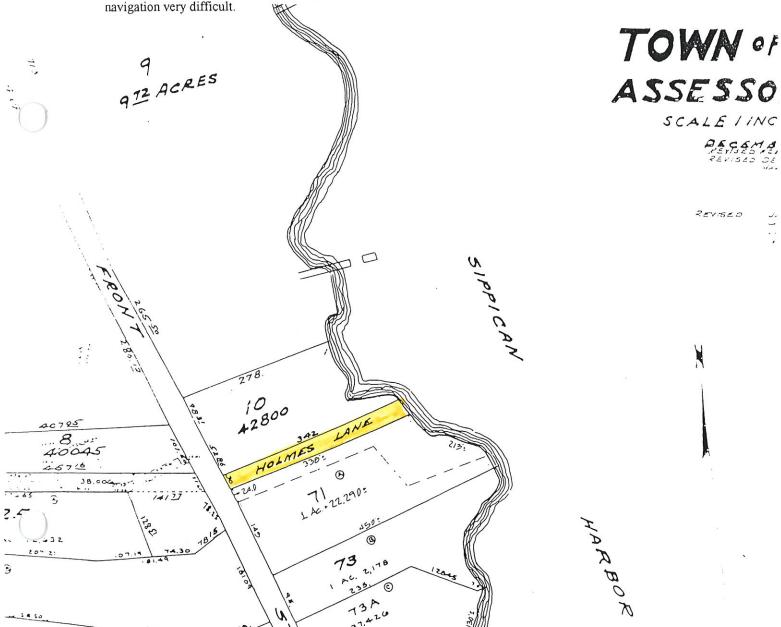
Holmes Lane

(Assessors Map #14, lot between Blocks #10 and #71)

This is a town-owned right-of-way, located immediately north of Tabor Academy's Lillard Hall and Wet Lab. The land was originally given to the town in the will of Barnabas Holmes as part of Holmes Woods. The will read "a strip of land 33 ft. in width lying next north of land owned by R.W. Gilder, and extending easterly from the lower road leading to Marion Depot, to the sea as a shore privilege for the proper use of the inhabitants thereon, on condition that it shall not put to any other purpose that might be an injury to the adjoining property". After the death of Barnabus Holmes, it was voted in 1903 that the town accept the bequest of the late Barnabus Holmes and that the selectmen be the committee to attend to it (see annual report, art. 12, pg. 235).

However, there was a paragraph in the will that stated that all bequests were to remain in the charge of Barnabas' wife, Sarah A. Holmes, until her death (see 1904 annual report, page 4). The will was handled in probate court on March 17, 1924, probate #22336. The deed of Barnabus Holmes stipulates that this land is not to be sold, leased or disposed of, but is to be held forever for the use of the inhabitants.

Currently, the land is used primarily as access for shell-fishing. Improvements to the land would be difficult due to the narrow width of the parcel. The adjacent shoreline is shallow and rocky, making

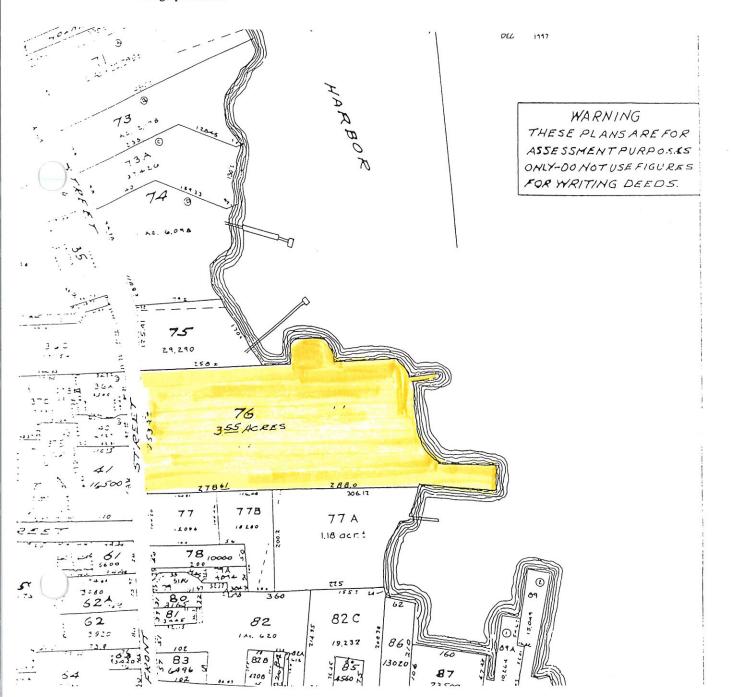


Island Wharf

(Assessor's Map #14, Block #76)

Major area of public access off of Front Street at Island Wharf Road with many facilities, including:

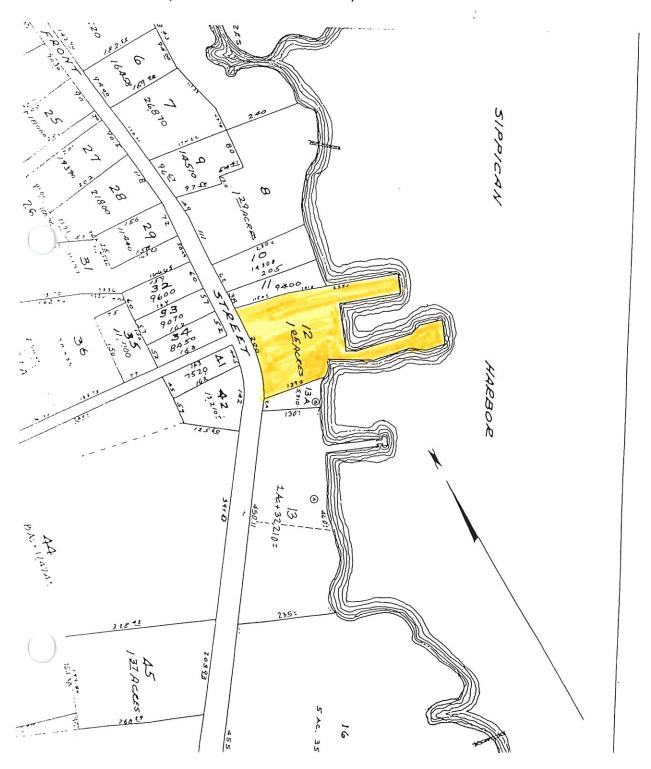
- Parking (Town of Marion parking sticker required).
- Harbormaster's / Shellfish Officer's building.
- Large wharf with ramp leading to floating concrete docking.
- Town water.
- Pumpout facilities.
- Public restrooms with showers.
- · Town Beach area.
- Ramp to Harbormaster's floats (town use only).
- Senior Citizens Floats.
- Pavilion
- · Large park area.



Old Landing (Assessor's Map #14, Block #12)

Major area of public access off of Front Street near Ryder Lane with many facilities, including:

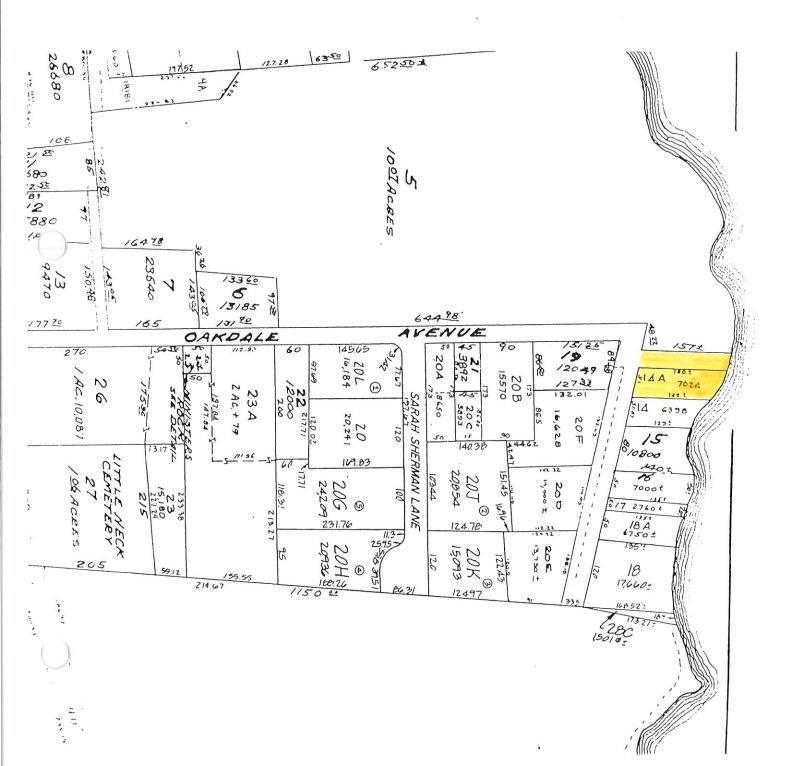
- Parking area with war memorial (Town of Marion parking sticker required).
- Boat launch ramp.
- Two piers with boat launch ramps on all four sides.
- U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary float also for town use.
- Ramp to concrete floats boat tie-up.

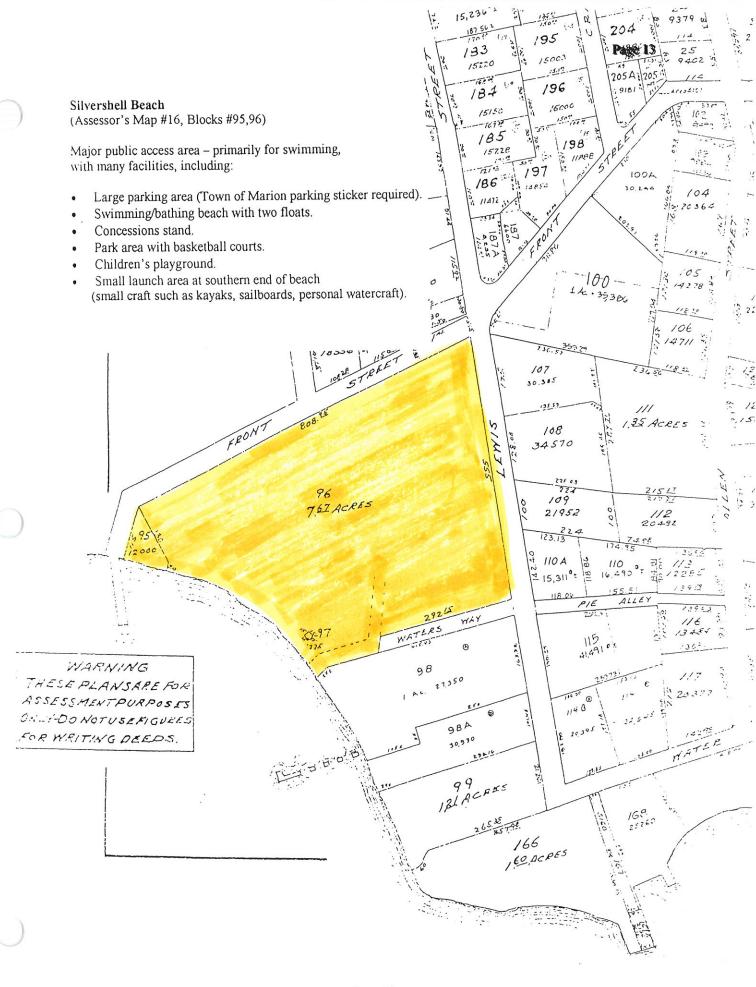


Oakdale Avenue Beach

(Assessor's Map 14, Blocks 14A, and the lot between 14A and 5)

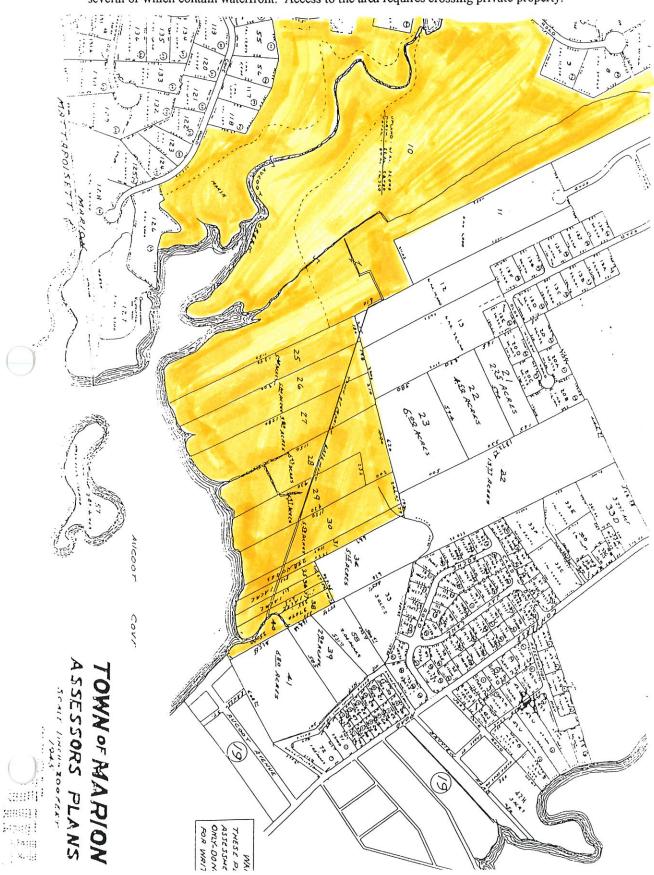
This small bathing beach on Hammett's Cove is owned by the Town of Marion. The Original 33-foot right-of-way to the water was accepted by the town on April 18, 1908. The lot adjoining the south side of this right-of-way was accepted by the town as a gift from Charles R. Dugdale in 1955 to be used as a right –of-way to the shore for recreational and bathing beach purposes (Town of Marion Annual Report, 1955, page 134). Together the two parcels comprise slightly less than 10,000 square feet with a total shore frontage of approximately 80 feet, part of which is marshland.





Aucoot Cove (Assessor's Map # 18, Blocks #10,25,27,28,29,30,31,35,36,37,38,40)

The Town of Marion and the Sippican Lands Trust own many parcels of land at the north end of the cove, several of which contain waterfront. Access to the area requires crossing private property.



Aucoot Cove - Off of Squanto Road (Assessor's Map #19, Block #69)

This small parcel of Sippican Lands Trust land contains approximately forty-seven (47) feet of waterfront. The land is predominantly saltmarsh and beach. Access is only over private property.



Aucoot Cove – Moorings Road (Assessor's Map #20, Block #12)

This parcel of wooded land is owned by the Sippican Lands Trust, and contains 182± feet of waterfront on Aucoot Cove. There is no parking available, and access is through private land.

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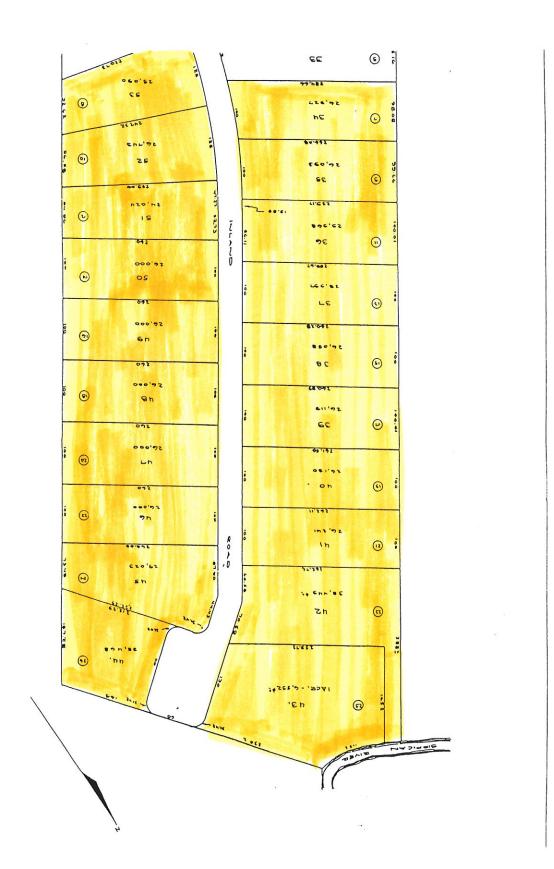
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4.18 ACRES CENTRAL 2.63 acres 2.56 ocres 12 A 2.63 acres. 12 B ROAD 5.2615 13 265

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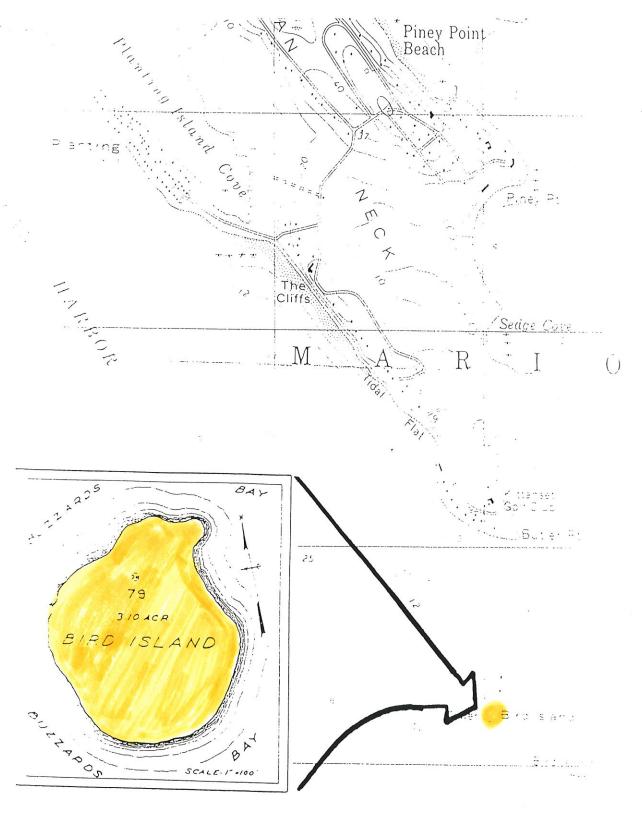
Gallison Woods (Assessor's Map #22A, Block #9 – 26)

Sippican Lands Trust has several wooded parcels with walking trails and access to the Sippican River totaling $115\pm$ feet of waterfront. Parking is limited.



Bird Island

Bird Island is a small island, slightly larger than three (3) acres. It is located approximately seven hundred and fifty (750) yards south of the southern tip of Kittansett (Butler) Point. Access is limited, by boat only. The Island and lighthouse are under the supervision of the Bird Island Lighthouse Preservation Society and the Marion Marine Resources Commission.



Allen's Point/Blankenship's Cove (Assessor's Map #6, Block #29)

This thirty (30) acre parcel is owned by the Sippican Lands Trust and is mostly wooded. The land does contain approximately 120 feet of waterfront at the north end of Balnkenship's Cove. The shoreline in the area is not suitable for many recreational activities, and access is difficult.

